AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus comprising:

a dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words;

a search condition designator that designates at least a part of speech as a search condition;

a word search unit that searches a word matching the search condition designated by said search condition designator from said dictionary;

a display unit that displays a searched word; and

an input processor that executes a process of inputting a word displayed on said display unit as letters or characters of a song word.

Claim 6 (original): A word composing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said search condition designator designates at least the number of syllables and a part of speech as the search condition.

Claim 7 (original): A word composing apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said search condition designator counts a letter or character train containing predetermined letters or characters as both one syllable and two syllables, as a method of counting the number of syllables of a word in said dictionary.

Claim 8 (currently amended): A word composing apparatus comprising:

a sentence syntax storing device storing a plurality of sentence syntax templates each defining a typical order of a plurality of parts of speech;

a display unit that displays a plurality of sentence syntax templates, based on the stored sentence syntax templates, to urge selection of one sentence syntax template; and

a designator that designates one sentence syntax template among sentence syntax templates displayed on said display unit.

Claims 9-11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): A word composing method comprising the steps of:

designating at least a part of speech as a search condition; and

searching a word matching the search condition from a dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words, and adopting the searched word as part of a song word to be input.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A word composing method comprising the steps of:

selecting a sentence syntax template from a plurality of sentence syntax templates each defining a typical order of a plurality of parts of speech; and

inputting words of a song in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claims 14-17 (canceled)

Claim 18 (currently amended): A <u>computer readable medium having a</u> word composing program for making a computer execute:

a process of designating at least a part of speech as a search condition; and

a process of searching a word matching the search condition from a dictionary storing at least words and parts of speech corresponding to the words, and adopting the searched word as part of a song word to be input.

Claim 19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (previously presented): A word composing method according to claim 13, wherein said step of inputting words inputs words of a song one by one from a plurality of candidate words in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A word composing method according to claim 20, wherein said plurality of candidate words are detected in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising an input processor that inputs words in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus, according to claim 22, wherein said input processor inputs words of a song one by one from a plurality of candidate words in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A word composing apparatus, according to claim 23, wherein said plurality of candidate words are detected in accordance with the selected sentence syntax template.